

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education – Aided Schools - One time option to all the Aided schools that are having any medium (other than English) of instruction, to switch over to English as a medium of instruction – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No:16

Dated:27.02.2024

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ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh's motto is to enable and prepare the students studying in Andhra Pradesh's Government schools to make them global citizens with high-end global jobs in future. Since 2019, Government has been on a continuous endeavour to ensure that the young generation of Andhra Pradesh studying in Government Schools, become globally employable citizens and for this it has taken multiple steps to improve the English language knowledge of the students,-

- (i) In Academic Year (AY) 2019-20, English was made as a medium of instruction in all the 45,000 Government Schools. Today all the 41 lakh students studying in Government Schools are getting education in English medium.
- (ii) In AY 2020-21, Government introduced the Bilingual textbooks in the subjects of Science, Social Science and Mathematics subjects.
- (iii) In AY 2022-23, to provide the students with national and global platforms for learning and recognition, for providing the best content in Science, Social Science and Mathematics, AV bilingual content from Byju's is being used by the Government in all the Government schools, to further strengthen the learning quality of the students. The Class VIII students and teachers were provided 5,18,740 personal TABS for learning enhancement with the Byju's App and content preloaded for the purpose of learning.

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(iv) In AY 2023-24, under the flagship program of Nadu Nedu, digitization of the school infrastructure is being done through 30,213 Interactive Flat Panels (IFPs) in High Schools and 10,038 Smart TVs in Primary schools. In the leftover classrooms, the IFPs and Smart TVs will be provided by 21st December, 2023.

(v) Provided robust High-speed Internet connectivity to Schools, for better utilization of Digital Infrastructure.

2. The Government has entered into agreement for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination and certification of the students from Classes 3rd to 12th, by which the students will have the opportunity to be assessed on listening and reading and English-speaking skills.

3. Importance of English:

- As per the **British Council Report**, approximately 1.75 billion people speak English in the 21st century.
- As per the **Economic Intelligence Unit survey** –
 - 70% of corporate executives state that English language proficiency is must to realize corporate expansion plans.
 - More than 50 % of their total workforce need English language skills.
 - Hourly wages of workforce with fluent English language skills are 34% higher than workforce with no English language skills.
- As per the **Education First Report** –
 - an estimated 52% of world's most visited websites are displayed in English language
- During the **survey in Andhra Pradesh 95% of the parents** want to keep their children in English medium schools

4. There are 886 aided schools in the State, which were setup prior to 1985. These schools have a strength of around 98,000 students. As mentioned above during the **survey in Andhra Pradesh 95% of the parents** want to keep their children in English medium schools. The same

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is applicable for the parents of the aided schools and it will be unfair to deprive these students from the same opportunities as other students of government schools are availing while studying with English as a medium of instruction.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby direct the Commissioner of School Education to issue general orders to the Regional Joint Directors of School Education and the District Educational Officer/District School Educational Officers to accord permission as one time exemption, where request made the Correspondents of the Private Aided School to convert their schools from any medium other than English to English Medium from the A.Y 2024-25 basing on the request of the parents, guardians and students, subject to fulfillment of all the conditions stipulated for recognition of the schools and to function the schools only with the sanctioned existing Grant-in-Aid posts and no new posts shall be sanctioned / allotted.

6. The Commissioner of School Education, shall take further necessary action accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRAVEEN PRAKASH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
The Commissioner of School Education, A.P.,
Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

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